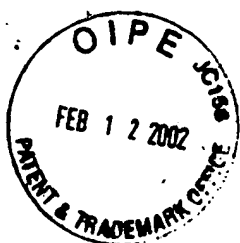


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Enclosed is a preliminary amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee | 20 | * 20 | 0 | x \$9.00 | x \$18.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 10 | ** 5 | 5 | x \$42.00 | 5 x \$84.00 | 420.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | | | \$140.00 | \$280.00 | |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | \$420.00 |
| NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED **** | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0" | | | | | 0 |
| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 | | | | | | |
| * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS" | | | | | | |

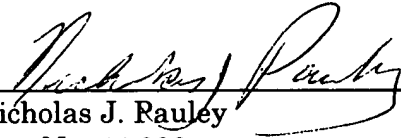
- ☒ Attached is our check for \$420.00 to pay the fees calculated above.
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
☐ Other enclosures:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 11 through 20.

1. An optical data transmission method to transmit an optical packet composed of a header and data comprising steps of:

generating a second clock which has a frequency equal to one integer of that of a first clock carrying the data and synchronizes with the first clock; and

carrying the header information on the second clock.

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